

# Recent results on the grading of local cohomology modules

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After a brief introduction to local cohomology I am going to discuss the result of my student Yi Zhang on the grading of local cohomology modules in characteristic  $p > 0$  and its recent extension to characteristic 0 by Linqun Ma and Wenliang Zhang. Namely, if  $R$  is a polynomial ring in  $n$  variables over a field and  $\mathfrak{m} \subset R$  is the maximal ideal generated by the variables then it is well-known that  $H^n_{\mathfrak{m}}(R)$  with its natural grading is isomorphic to  $E(n)$ , i.e. the naturally graded injective hull  $E$  of  $R/\mathfrak{m}$  degree-shifted downward by  $n$ . It has also been well-known that if  $I \subset R$  is any ideal, then the local cohomology module  $H^i_{\mathfrak{m}}(H^j_I(R))$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of a finite number of copies of  $E$ . Yi, Linqun and Wenliang sharpened this result by showing that if  $I \subset R$  is any homogeneous ideal, then the local cohomology module  $H^i_{\mathfrak{m}}(H^j_I(R))$ , with its natural grading is isomorphic to a direct sum of a finite number of copies of  $E(n)$ . Some other related recent results will also be discussed.